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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

**DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2003 AS "ADULT BASIC EDUCATION DAY" AT
THE LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's adult basic education programs
provide the basic skills needed for the education of New Mexico
adults who are learning to read, learning to speak English and
studying for the general equivalency diploma; and**

**WHEREAS, over twenty-eight thousand students were served
by adult basic education programs in 2002 alone; and**

**WHEREAS, sixteen thousand five hundred of these students
attended literacy and basic skills classes to enable them to
read to their children and be more involved in their children's
education and to improve their opportunities for employment;
and**

WHEREAS, eight thousand three hundred forty-six adults

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1 were enrolled in English as a second language classes,
2 increasing their ability to become more integrated into their
3 communities and to take advantage of opportunities and economic
4 advancement; and

5 WHEREAS, seven thousand six hundred ten New Mexicans
6 passed the general equivalency test in 2001 and received their
7 high school diplomas; and

8 WHEREAS, ninety percent of the New Mexicans who took the
9 full general equivalency test passed the test, making New
10 Mexico's pass rate the fourth highest in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, for many adults and their families, adult basic
12 education programs provide frameworks for success, giving these
13 adults and their families new possibilities for brighter
14 futures;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
16 OF NEW MEXICO that February 14, 2003 be declared as "Adult
17 Basic Education Day" at the legislature and that adult basic
18 education program providers and educators be recognized and
19 commended for their contributions to education and the state of
20 New Mexico.